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SUMMARY

1. THE WLE PROGRAM ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1992 FOLLOWS:

I.

TASK FORCES	OPS SORTIES/ HOURS	TRAINING HOURS	LOGTS SORTIES	MAINT DAYS
TRINIDAD	17/1296	00	2	66
PUERTO VILLARROEL	13/528	00	1	68
RIBERALTA	00/00	672	4	161
GUAYARAMERIN	82/2256	00	0	86

(NOTE: TASK FORCE STATISTICS ARE TOTALS FOR ALL PATROL BOATS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE BASES DENOTED. OPERATIONS MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITHIN THE INDICATED BASE'S AREA OF OPERATION.)

SUPPORT VESSELS

MS-341	1/168	0	0	23
MS-223	1/288	0	0	18
MS-224	2/336	0	0	16
SAVIA	0/00	0	0	30

II. EMPLOYMENT MISSIONS

TASK FORCES	BOARDINGS	BLOCKADES	LAND INSERTS	LISTENING OPS
TRINIDAD	22	09	80	14
PUERTO VILLARROEL	44	08	34	08
RIBERALTA	0	0	0	0
GUAYAPAMERIN	28	06	121	0

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR WLE PROGRAM AS REPORTED BY DEA SNOWCAP:

BASE LAB	01
AVIATION GAS	620 LTS
DIESEL	30 LTS
COCA LEAF	90 LBS
SULFURIC ACID	20 LTS
WEAPONS	06
RADIONS	01

2. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BOLIVIAN RIVERINE TASK FORCE (RTF) AS OF MARCH 31, 1992:

TASK FORCES	OFFICIALS	SUB-OFFICIALS	SERGEANTS
/****** BEGINNING OF SECTION 002 ******/			
TRINIDAD RTF HDQTS	04	04	00
TRINIDAD	04	07	01
PUERTO VILLARROEL	04	04	04
RIBERALTA	04	03	05
GUAYARAMERIN	06	04	08
SUPPORT VESSELS	04	03	03

3. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

(A) WLE FORCES WERE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON PREPARATION FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION GHOST ZONE DURING THE PERIOD. TWO, SEMI-PERMANENT FORWARD OPERATING BASES (FOB'S) WERE ESTABLISHED AT THE CONFLUENCES OF THE CHAPARE/MAMORECILLO RIVERS AND ISIBORO/CHIPIRIRI RIVERS TO MAINTAIN PRESENCE AND CONTROL OF THE RIVER SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CHAPARE REGION. TO ENSURE OUR ABILITY TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS ON A FULL-TIME BASIS IN THIS REGION, MOST OF THE OPERATIONAL ASSETS AND PERSONNEL FROM THE RIBERALTA AND GUAYARAMERIN BASES WERE SHIFTED INTO THE GHOST ZONE OPERATIONAL AREA TO AUGMENT EXISTING FORCES FROM THE TRINIDAD AND PUERTO VILL
ARROEL BASES. IN
ADDITION TO BARRIER PATROL OPERATIONS FROM THESE TWO NEW FOB'S, DAILY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE RIVER SYSTEMS WITHIN THE OPERATING AREA USING BOTH SMALL PATROL BOATS (22'S) AND ZODIACS (NOTE: OPERATING HOUR AND SORTIE

STATISTICS REPORTED ABOVE DO NOT INCLUDE ZODIAC OPERATIONS WHICH WERE CONSIDERABLE DURING THE PERIOD). ALL MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE TRINIDAD BASE WITH TWO SUPPORT VESSELS (MS-223 AND MS-224) CONDUCTING CREW/BOAT SWAP OUTS AND REPROVISIONING OF FOOD, FUEL, AND OTHER NECESSARY SUPPLIES.

(B) NEW U.S. COAST GUARD TEAM ARRIVED IN-COUNTRY ON 19 APR 92 AS MEMBERS OF DEA SNOWCAP. AFTER INITIAL CHECK-IN LA PAZ, USCG MEMBERS DEPLOYED TO TRINIDAD AND CHIMORE TO CONDUCT LOGISTICAL PREPARATION AND OPERATIONS PLANNING FOR OPERATION GHOST ZONE IN ADDITION TO THEIR SUPERVISION OF WLE OPERATIONS.

(C) NEW U.S. NAVY MTT DEPLOYED TO BOLIVIA ON 10 APR 92. AFTER INITIAL INDOCTRINATION BRIEFS AT THE EMBASSY, MEMBERS DEPLOYED TO GUAYARAMERIN AND TRINIDAD WHERE THEY PERFORMED TRAINING IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL MATTERS AND COORDINATED WITH DEA/USCG ON SUPPORT FOR GHOST ZONE OPERATIONS.

(D) NAS-FUNDED PROJECTS CONTINUED TO ADD TO AND BOLSTER READINESS OF WLE FORCES. CONSTRUCTION WORK COMMENCED ON MS-103 IN RIBERALTA WHICH WILL BE THE SUPPORT VESSEL FOR

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THIS STRATEGIC TASK FORCE. THE MS-103, A STRIPPED STEEL HULL OF APPROXIMATELY 70' OBTAINED FROM THE BOLIVIAN NAVY, WILL UNDERGO A COMPLETE RETROFIT INCLUDING THE REFURBISHMENT OF ALL METAL WORK, THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW ENGINE AND GENERATOR, ALL NEW SYSTEMS, AND AN ELECTRONIC PACKAGE. THE SAVIA, A SMALLER SUPPORT VESSEL PURCHASED AND RECONDITIONED DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS BY NAS, WAS COMMISSIONED DURING THE PERIOD. BOTH THESE VESSELS WILL ADD IMMEASURABLY TO OUR ABILITY TO PROJECT SUSTAINED PRESENCE ON THE RIVERS OF BOLIVIA WITH LOW COST, INDIGENOUS CRAFT.

(E) WLE FORCES CONTINUED TO PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC ACTIONS ASSISTING THE PEOPLE OF TRINIDAD AND THE SURROUNDNG REGION DURING THE WORST FLOODING THIS REGION HAD SEEN IN APPROXIMATELY 50 YEARS. STARTING IN MARCH AND CONTINUING INTO EARLY APRIL, WLE FORCES HELPED RESCUE STRANDED PEOPLE AND DISTRIBUTED FOOJ TO PEOPLE IN OUTLYING AREAS. THEY ALSO ASSISTED IN CIVIC ACTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF TRINIDAD. BOWERS
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